REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action of 5 Dec 2005 by Examiner Syed J. Ali.

Claim Objections

Claim 11 has been objected to as informal. Applicants have amended the claim to correct the informality.

35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 1-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, and 25, and urge that they now be allowed.

35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)

over Philippot ("Rearrange Your Taskbar Buttons").

Applicants have canceled claims 2-10, and 12-24, and amended claims 1, 11, and 25.

With respect to the claim feature of a linked list, the Examiner refers to Philippot, as follows:

"Commandeering the Taskbar...

"Before explaining how ButtonBoogie works, I must explain how the taskbar buttons work. Although they look and behave like normal buttons, the set of taskbar buttons is actually a tab control managed by Explorer.exe.... Each button is a tab belonging to the tab control SysTabControl32...

"Once you know that the taskbar buttons are actually tabs in a tab control, you have to come up with a way to interact with this control in a way to subclass it... I finally decided to use the DLL injection method..."

Philippot does not expressly teach the use of a linked list

with forward and reverse pointers, arranged in combination with the specific additional features set forth in the claims.

Applicants, therefore, urge that the rejection of claims 1, 11, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102 be reconsidered and withdrawn, and the claims allowed.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1, 11, and 25.

The Application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain, however, which do not place one/more of the remaining claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below for the purpose of providing constructive assistance and suggestions in accordance with M.P.E.P. Sections 707.02(j) and 707.03 in order that allowable claims can be presented, thereby placing the Application in

condition for allowance without further proceedings being necessary.

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